

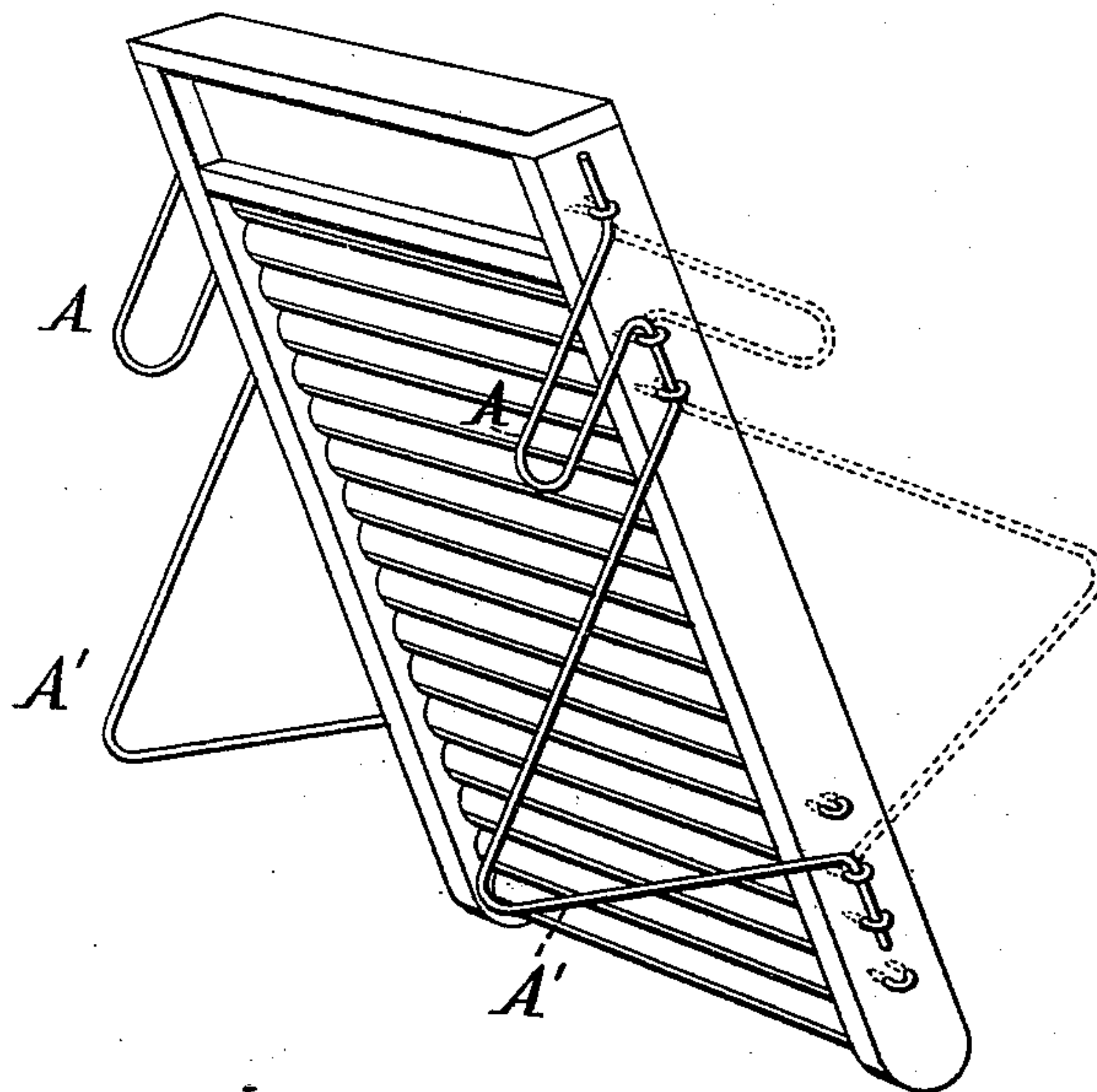
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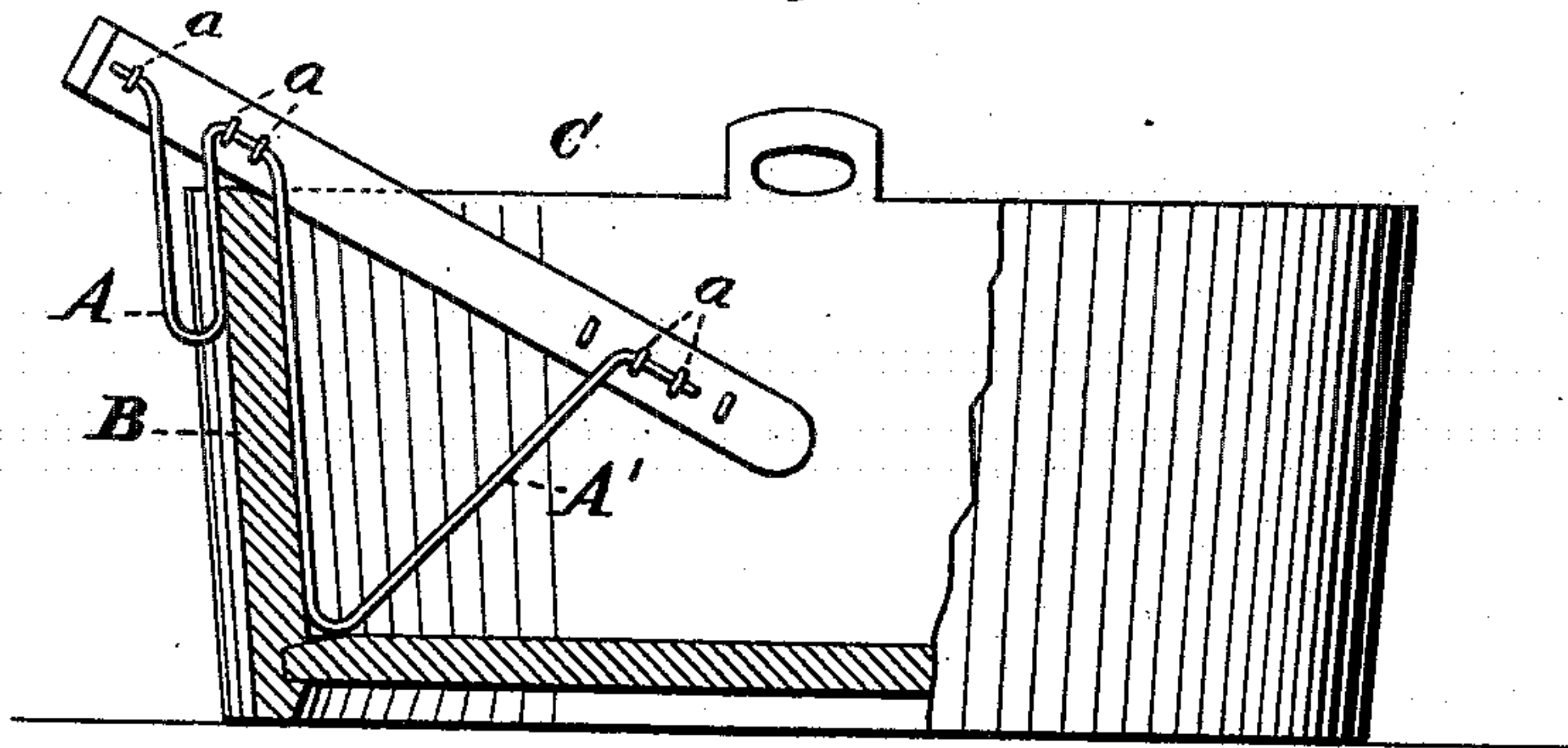
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## WASH-BOARD HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ALBERT PETTIT and JOHN POWERS, citizens of the United States, and residents of Perrinton, in the county of Gratiot and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Wash-Board Holders; and we do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention and is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is partly a side view and partly a vertical section.

This invention relates to certain improvements in wash-boards; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as will appear from the following description and accompanying drawings.

The object of our invention is to hold the wash-board in a convenient position for the operator in order that both hands may be free to perform the work, also to allow full use of the bottom of the tub, which is effected by dispensing with the extensions or rests of the ordinary wash-board.

In the embodiment of our invention we employ two racks A and two lateral bracket supports or rests A'. These latter are usually constructed continuously with the racks A and applied to the respective sides of the wash-boards B, and, with the racks, are reversible side for side thereof for engagement

with the top edge of the tub C, as shown, whereby the wash-board is adapted to present either side of its ribbed or effective surfaces for use.

When the wash-board is in engagement by means of the racks A with the top edges of the tub, it is supported by the lateral angular brackets A', which rest upon the bottom of said tub, the lower end of the wash-board being raised thereby a sufficient distance from the tub-bottom to permit the clothes to pass under it. This arrangement also provides for the adjustment of the wash-board at any desired height or angle of elevation.

The rack A and bracket A' on each side are preferably in a continuous piece alternately looped or indented inward and outward from opposite sides and having its loops pivoted or hinged in eyes or staples *a*.

Having described this invention, what we claim is—

The wash-board having on each side a reversible rack and bracket-support consisting of a continuous piece, the supports being alternately looped or indented inward and outward from opposite sides and pivoted or hinged to the side edges of said wash-board and adapted to engage the top edge and sides of the tub, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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